

and Red-necked Phalaropes. A few days later we discovered a third nest of this Skua on the mainland in a much drier situation, making in all six eggs of this bird. I might add that in each instance the eggs were slightly incubated.

The figures in Plate XI. have been taken from drawings made by Mrs. Boyce Hill. The upper figures represent specimens in my collection, and the lower are those of specimens in that of Mr. Popham.

The measurements of the eggs as given by Mr. Popham in 'The Ibis' (1897, p. 107) are 2.35 to 2.65 inches by 1.79 to 1.86.*

XXXII.—*Proceedings at the Anniversary Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union, 1900.*

THE Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union was held at the rooms of the Zoological Society of London, 3 Hanover Square (by permission of the Council of that Society), on Wednesday, the 16th May, at 5.30 P.M., Mr. F. DUCANE GODMAN, F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Report of the Committee was read. It stated that the Union had suffered the loss of eleven Members by death since the last Anniversary. These were:—Mr. John Cordeaux, Dr. Elliott Coues, Mr. H. B. Hewetson, Lord Hylton, Mr. E. L. Layard, Prof. Alphonse Milne-Edwards, Prof. St. George Mivart, F.R.S., Mr. T. J. Monk, Mr. E. M. H. Riddell, Mr. F. B. Simson, and Dr. A. C. Stark.

Five Members had withdrawn, and one Member had been removed (under the operation of Rule 6) for non-payment of his subscription.

* [Middendorff appears to have been the first to obtain authenticated eggs of this species, and the figure of a specimen from the Taimyr Tundras is given in his 'Sibirische Reise' (pl. xxiv. fig. 1), while a better illustration of an example taken by Middendorff in the same district has been given by Prof. Newton (P. Z. S. 1861, pl. xxxix. fig. 3). We are not aware of any other figures of authenticated specimens up to the time of Messrs. Popham and Hill. After comparing their genuine eggs with the specimen taken on Berg Island, Novaya Zemlya, and ascribed to this species (Man. Brit. B. 1st ed. p. 736), Col. Feilden and Saunders are of opinion that the last is probably an unusually large egg of *S. crepidatus*.

—EDD.]

The number of the Members of the Union was 349, consisting of 322 Ordinary, 2 Extraordinary, 9 Honorary, and 16 Foreign Members. There were 26 Candidates for the Ordinary Membership.

The Committee was glad to report that the prosperity of the Union had continued unabated during the past year.

The Annual volume of 'The Ibis' for 1899, forming the fifth of the Seventh Series, had been issued in due course. It contained 694 pages and 13 plates.

The Subject-Index to 'The Ibis' from 1859 to 1894 (the first six Series) had been printed during the past year, and issued to subscribers early in January of the present year. It contained 140 pages.

The Report having been adopted, the accounts for the year, which had been audited by Mr. W. R. Ogilvie Grant, were presented by the Secretary, and approved by the Meeting.

Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe and Mr. E. Hartert were elected to represent the B. O. U. at the International Ornithological Congress at Paris on June 26th next, and it was arranged that a third Member should be selected by the Committee for the same purpose.

The consideration of the appointment of Members to represent the B. O. U. at the German Ornithological Society's Meeting at Leipzig in October next was left in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., was re-elected President, and Mr. E. W. Oates Secretary of the Union for the ensuing year. Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe was elected a Member of the Committee in the place of Mr. A. H. Evans, who had retired by rotation.

It was agreed that a new (Eighth) Series of 'The Ibis' should be commenced in 1901 with the 43rd volume, and that Mr. P. L. Selater, F.R.S., and Mr. A. H. Evans should be joint Editors.

The following 26 Candidates were then balloted for and declared to be duly elected Ordinary Members of the British Ornithologists' Union:—William S. Bruce, Zoological Laboratory, Surgeons' Hall, Edinburgh: Bernard A. E. Buttress,

The Cross House, Fawkham, Kent: Frederick J. S. Chatterton, F.E.S., 78 Clissold Road, Stoke Newington, N.: Charles Garnett, 9 Porchester Gardens, W., and New University Club, St. James's Street, S.W.: Francis Gayner, Beech Holm, Sunderland, and King's College, Cambridge: Walter Goodfellow, 26 Nelson Road, Southsea: Edmund W. Harper, F.Z.S., 1 A Camac Street, Calcutta: Henry E. Harris, Leighton Buzzard, Beds; Percy P. H. Hasluck, The Wilderness, Southgate, N.: John W. Hills, 14 Victoria Grove, Kensington, W.: Major Henry Jones (late 62nd Regt.), East Wickham House, Welling, Kent: Dr. Alexander F. König, Bonn University, and Coblenzer Strasse 164, Bonn, Germany: Frederick V. McConnell, 37 Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, S.W.: Geoffrey B. T. Metcalfe, Roche Court, Salisbury; Edwin S. Montagu, Trinity College, Cambridge: Frederick E. Mugford, 16 Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.: John P. Chaworth-Musters, Annesley Park, Nottingham: Walter B. Nichols, East Lodge, Mistley Green, Manningtree, Essex; Arthur B. Percival, Somerset Court, Brent Knoll, Somerset: Robert Service, Maxwelltown, Dumfriesshire, N.B.: Robert Shelford, Sarawak Museum, Kuching, Sarawak: Athelstan Iff Simey, The College, Durham: John W. C. Stares, Porchester, Hauts: Archibald Thorburn, 94 Fellows Road, South Hampstead, N.W.: William P. Westell, 5 Glenferrie Road, St. Albans: Edward A. Wilson, Loscombe Lodge, Stanmore.

Prof. Robert Collett, C.M.Z.S., Foreign Member, was elected an Honorary Member of the Union.

Dr. Valentine Bianchi, of the Imperial Zoological Museum, St. Petersburg: Dr. Othmar Reiser, of the Landes Museum, Sarajevo, Bosnia: and Mr. Leonard Stejneger, C.M.Z.S., Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.; were elected Foreign Members of the Union.

After a vote of thanks to the Council of the Zoological Society of London for the use of the Society's Rooms, the Meeting adjourned.

The Annual Dinner, subsequently held at the Frascati Restaurant in conjunction with the Monthly Dinner of the B. O. C., was attended by 46 Members and guests.